

GREENPRINT UPDATE

The updating of the “Greenprint, A 20-Year Strategic Plan for Parks and Community Facilities and Programs” has been deferred for one year allowing the funds originally proposed for this purpose to be used for critical park maintenance this year. The City was to complete the first five-year review of the Greenprint this coming year. However, the significant budget constraints facing the City made it imperative that core services be protected above those projects and services that could be logically be deferred.

In the interim year, staff will work with the City Council and appointed commissions to update informational databases and standards, guidelines and policies in preparation for renewing the plan update in Fall 2005. We look forward to engaging the community in a review and updating process of the Greenprint that will help shape the quality of recreational services and facilities provided by the City of San Jose. Be apart of this review process by checking your 2005 Fall Activity Guide for information on updating the Greenprint.

For those not familiar, the Greenprint is a guide to City staff and policy makers for use in the day-to-day decision making process to preserve and enhance the quality of life in San Jose and provide opportunities to improve resident health

and wellness through recreational programs and facilities. Sports, culture, art, and fitness opportunities provide San Jose residents with the opportunities to relax, refresh, play, and explore. Parks, trails, and open space define our neighborhoods, add rich texture and history to the community and connect people with nature, their neighborhoods and fellow residents.

The Greenprint is a toolbox for building a more livable and healthful San Jose. The 2000 Greenprint developed through a community process consisting of input from 1800 residents, assessed San Jose’s park and recreation facility needs over a twenty-year period ending in 2020. This process described a \$1.2 billion need list of recreational facilities to enhance the quality of life in the City of San Jose. The cost reflects past community growth that has out-paced the City’s ability to provide recreational facilities. The next Greenprint will set out additional strategies for funding and phasing both existing and new projects by the year 2020.

Please see next Year’s Fall Activity Guide for information regarding the public update process of the Greenprint. We look forward to your participation in this public process in 2005.

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